Ministry of Equality marks International Men's Day by launching consultation process on parental alienation. 19th November 2019, 18:25

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The Ministry of Equality has marked International Men's Day by launching a consultation process on parental alienation. The Ministry says it wants to understand all the issues fathers face and wants to hear from them

The Ministry says it's aware of the difficulties parents can face in continuing a relationship with their children following a parental separation or divorce, especially when there is alienation of the children by one parent to another.

On INTERNATIONAL MEN'S DAY, the says it is even more mindful of the representations it has receiving from fathers and the petition instigated by the recently formed group 'Forgotten Fathers' in relation to parental alienation.

It is setting up a series of meetings so that the Minister for Justice and Equality may have first-hand information and consider if there's something that may require legislative or procedural changes.

Anyone willing to form part of this consultation process should email equality@gibrlatar.gov.gi or call 20046253 and will be arranged.

Minister Samantha Sacramento says the legal framework which governs family law is gender neutral and there is a statutory presumption that all parties will act in the child's best interests.

However she says there are divorced or separate fathers who feel that they are at a disadvantage and she wants to hear from them.

A number of presentations will be delivered in primary schools over the next few weeks. These are to challenge gender stereotypes and to promote the idea that gender is not a barrier to individual aspirations.